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SUBJECT: CODEL PERCY: CONVERSATIONS WITH TENG HSIAO-PING
AND WITH VICE MINISTERS OF AGRICULTURE AND COMMHRLU

1. VICE PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING MET WITH CODEL PERCY PRINCIPALS AND ME THE MORNING OF AUGUST 6, THEN HOSTED A LUNCH THERE, WHICH I ALSO ATTENDED, FOR THE CODEL AND SPOUSES. IN THE AFTERNOON, CODEL PRINCIPALS SPLIT INTO TWO GROUPS, EACH ACCOMAPNIED BY A USLO ECON/COMMERCIAL OFFICER, FOR SESSIONS WITH VICE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE HAO CHUNG-SHIH AND WITH VICE MINISTER OF COMMERCE CH'AI SHU-FAN. WE WILL BE REPORTING FURTHER BY SEPTELS, BUT TENG GENERALLY TOOK FAMILIAR OR PREDICTABLY POSITIONS ON A VARIETY OF BILATERAL AND OTHER ISSUES RAISED BY CODEL. OF PRIMARY INTEREST, HOWEVER, IS THIS PASSAGE FROM CONVERSATION BETWEEN TENG AND PERCY AT LUNCH:

PERCY ATTEMPTED TO BRING TENG OUT ON THE QUESTION OF TAIWAN, PARTICULARLY PUSHING THE QUESTION OF PEACEFUL SOLUTION.

TENG: "WE HOPE PEACEFUL MEANS WILL BE USED ON THE TAIWAN PROBLEM BUT AS TO WHETHER THE MEANS ARE PEACEFUL OR NOT THIS IS ENTIRELY AN INTERNAL AFFAIR OF CHINA." TENG TOLD PERCY, "WE HAVE TOLD THE USG THAT IT SHOULD WITHDRAW ITS TROOPS BUT CHINA IS NOT PRESSING". HE THEN REFERRED TO THE JAPAN MODEL AND AS PERCY QUERIED FURTHER HE REITERATED
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PERCY PRESSED ON 'PEACEFUL' MEANS.

TENG: "WE CANNOT COMMIT OURSELVES AT TO WHAT MEANS WE USE. THE MEANS DEPEND ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES..."

PERCY SAID IF WE KNEW THE SOLUTION WOULD BE PEACEFUL, WE COULD PULL ALL OUR TROOPS OUT.

TEND: "ONE SHOULDN'T TAKE SUCH AN ATTITUDE IN SOLVING QUESTIONS OF SOMEONE ELSE'S SOVEREIGN RIGHTS." "WE AREN'T PUSHING THIS AFFAIR BUT WE CANNOT COMMIT OURSELVES TO PEACEFUL MEANS."

PERCY THEN ASKED ABOUT THE FORD VISIT, WHETHER IT WOULD BE SUBSTANTIVE.

TEND: "IS IS ALRIGHT IF HE COMES HERE AND THIS PROBLEM CANNOT BE SETTLED. IT IS UP TO HIM TO DECIDE WHAT POSITION HE SHOULD TAKE, BUT OUR POSITION CAN'T BE CHANGED."

2. FOREIGN MINISTER CHIAO KUAN-HUA WAS IN THE RECEPTION LINE BEFORE THE MEETING WITH TENG. HE STAYED LONG ENOUGH FOR THE GROUP PHOTOGRAPH, THEN EXCUSED HIMSELF. CHINESE EARLIER HAD BEEN TELLING CODEL AND US THAT CHIAO WAS NOT FEELING WELL. THIS TIME NANCY TANG EXPLAINED TO ME THAT CHIAO'S TEMPERATURE HAD COME DOWN, BUT HE HAD TO LEAVE FOR ANOTHER MEETING WITH FOREIGN VISITORS. BUSH

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